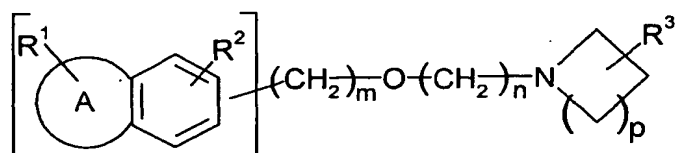


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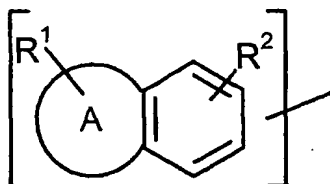
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A preventive and/or remedy for retinal nerve diseases characterized in that it comprises an alkyl ether derivative represented by the following general formula [1]:

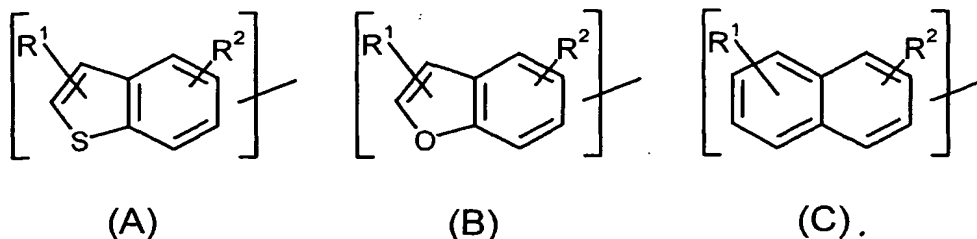


wherein R¹ and R², which may be the same or different, each represents one or more groups selected from a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, alkylthio, arylthio, alkenyl, alkenyloxy, amino, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, carbamoyl or heterocyclic group, a protected or unprotected amino, hydroxyl or carboxyl group, a nitro group and an oxo group; R³ represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group, or a protected or unprotected amino or hydroxyl group; the ring A represents a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic ring or a benzene ring; m and n each represents an integer between 1 and 6; and p represents an integer between 1 and 3; or a salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Original): The preventive and/or remedy for retinal nerve diseases according to claim 1, wherein the portion represented by the following formula:



of the alkyl ether derivative represented by the general formula [1] according to claim 1 is any one of the following (A), (B), and (C):



Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The preventive and/or remedy for retinal nerve diseases according to claim 1 or 2, wherein R^1 represents a hydrogen atom; and R^2 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkoxy group.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The preventive and/or remedy for retinal nerve diseases according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein m represents 2; n represents an integer of 2 or 3; and p represents an integer of 1 or 2.

Claim 5 (New): The preventive and/or remedy for retinal nerve diseases according to claim 2, wherein R^1 represents a hydrogen atom; and R^2 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkoxy group.

Claim 6 (New): The preventive and/or remedy for retinal nerve diseases according to claim 2, wherein m represents 2; n represents an integer of 2 or 3; and p represents an integer of 1 or 2.

Claim 7 (New): The preventive and/or remedy for retinal nerve diseases according to claim 3, wherein m represents 2; n represents an integer of 2 or 3; and p represents an integer of 1 or 2.